STATE OF NEW MEXICO **EXECUTIVE OFFICE** SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education have declared November 15-19, 2010 as International Education Week in observance of the many important contributions that international education makes to our nation; and*

WHEREAS, *American students can participate in international education and exchange through thousands of public and private, campus-based and national programs that promote the sharing of ideas and experiences across borders; and*

WHEREAS, *these programs include citizen and scholarly exchanges, study abroad programs, foreign language studies, foreign exchange student hosting, and other global approaches to U.S. education; and*

WHEREAS, *by participating in such programs, young Americans can develop a greater appreciation and respect for other people and their cultures, thereby breaking down barriers that inhibit understanding and cooperation, and cultivating peace and prosperity; and*

WHEREAS, *we live in an increasingly connected world, and a more literate and multilingual populace will significantly and positively influence our nation's foreign policy, economic competitiveness and national security; and*

WHEREAS, *when one considers these challenging economic times, the importance of preparing citizens for engaging in a global economy is of paramount importance and can be fostered through educational and cultural exchange; and*
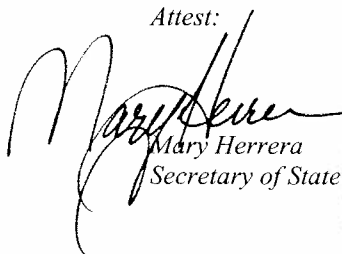
WHEREAS, *through international education, the U.S. can establish a foundation for dialogue and partnership with the rest of the world and create the conditions for lasting global peace, security, and well-being;*

NOW, THEREFORE *I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim November 15-19, 2010 as:*

"International Education Week"

throughout the State of New Mexico.

Attest:

Mary Herrera
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this 4th day of October, 2010.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the Great State of New Mexico

Bill Richardson
Governor